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1. OTTO KERSTEN, SECRETARY GENERAL, ICFTU AND FIDEL VELAZQUEZ OF CTM WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON MARCH 12 AT LOS PINO. ECHEVERRIA WELCOMED ICFTU VISIT AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH ICFTU PLANS TO HOLD ELEVENTH WORLD CONGRESS IN MEXICO CITY NEXT OCTOBER. KERSTEN HELD PRESS INTERVIEW AT CTM HEADQUARTERS ON MARCH 13. TOLD REPORTERS ICFTU FAVORS STABLE CONSUMER PRICES ARRIVED AT DEMOCRATICALLY AND OPPOSES MULTINATIONAL CARTELS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. KERSTEN SAID ICFTU POLICY COINCIDENTALLY 95 PERCENT SIMILAR TO CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES AND THAT ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONALS MUST BE MONITORED. DONALD MCDONALD, LEADER

CANADIAN CONGRESS OF LABOR, CRITICIZED U.S. TRADE ACT AS BEING PROTECTIONIST SIMILAR TO 1930 U.S. LEGISLATION THAT HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS.

2. KERSTEN DISAVOWED ANY CONNECTION WITH CHILEAN GOVERNMENT BUT SAID ICFTU LENDING ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN LABOR CONFEDERATION, CUT, IN EXILE. HE PRIZED MEXICAN-CHILEAN POLICY AS EXEMPLARY. HE DENIED RECEIVING ANY SUBSIDY FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CRITICIZED PHILLIP AGEE AS A PUBLISHER OF LIES. IN CONCLUSION, KERSTEN EXPLAINED THAT ICFTU ACCEPTED VOLUNTARY AFFILIATION OF LABOR CONFEDERATIONS FROM COUNTRIES IN CONFLICT. HE MENTIONED ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE GREEKS AND TURKS AS EXAMPLES.
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